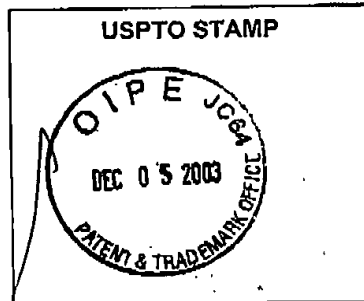


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RE: Attached RCE, etc. for 09/151,666

(Message) Pursuant to our recent telephone conversation, please find attached a copy of the papers filed on December 2, 2003, including the returned postcard (copy) which we received back from the USPTO.

If you have any questions, please feel free to let me know.

*Sincerely,
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Group No.: 3623

Serial Number: 09/151,666

Examiner: Mieneck Diaz, Susanna

Filing Date: September 11, 1998

Title: **Outside Plant Construction Management Systems and Methods**

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Request for Continued Examination form (1 Page)
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ Response/Amendment
☐ Fee as Calculated Below
☐ No additional fee is required.
☐ Small Entity status has been established.

☐ Terminal Disclaimer
☐ Corrected Drawings
☒ Other: RCE

CLAIMS AS AMENDED FOR LARGE ENTITY					
	Claims After Amendment	Highest Prev. Paid For	Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	36	- 42	0	x \$18.00	= \$0
Independent Claims	10	- 6	4	x \$84.00	= \$336
Total Additional Fee for this Amendment					= \$336.00

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- ☒ A Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 is attached in the amount of \$1106.00 (\$336.00 for additional claims, and \$770.00 for RCE fee).
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- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any insufficiencies, and the Commissioner is hereby requested to credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)**1106.00**

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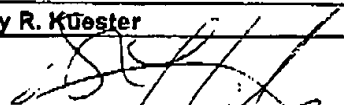
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1810	770	2810	385	For each add. invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	770.00
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